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### Mission Trip, Eh?

Many of you already know this story, but early last month I received a call from my father who lives in Wasilla, Alaska. He was in the midst of planning a road trip from Wasilla to the central part of Minnesota and needed someone to make the four-day journey with him. (The trip was to transport personal items of a deceased friend, including his cremated remains to his family.) He asked me to join him and at first I was not sure I could go. Within only a few days, however, my schedule was adjusted and flight arrangements were made. Since several of you have prayed for my dad and me regarding this trip, I thought I would share some of the details and how God answered your prayers on what I have come to call my early fall mission trip!

I left from Sioux Falls on a Monday afternoon to make a connecting flight in Denver. While on the plane I had the privilege of sharing the Gospel with a retired police officer named Glen. He was also a Reformed Jew (the most liberal branch of Judaism) and could hardly stop talking about how much he deserved heaven because of how good he was. I was then grateful to help him see why he needed a Messiah since his goodness was useless when it came to God's standard in Romans 3:19-20. While at the Denver airport and on my flight to Anchorage I had various other conversations and interactions with people about God, eternity and the Gospel. ***(If you would like to learn more about sharing your faith with others, make plans to attend our Faith U evangelism seminar on the 14<sup>th</sup> and 15<sup>th</sup> of this month.)*** I was thankful for these encounters and others that followed later that week, but my primary hope was to talk with my dad again about his spiritual life. It had been nearly three years since I spent any considerable time with him to discuss such things. My dad had made a profession of faith when I was in elementary school and even exhibited some fruit during that time - he didn't drink, smoke nor swear and even went to church - but it only lasted about a year and then he was back to his former ways (Matthew 7:21-23, II Peter 2:20-22, I John 2:19).

I arrived in Anchorage late that Monday evening. From there I went on to my dad's house where we spent the next day catching up and then packing for the 3,300 mile trip. We left on Wednesday morning and traveled for 14-17 hours each day before arriving at our destination. On the way I *enjoyed* great weather, the sites of white-capped mountains, glaciers, changing colors, buffalo, moose, sheep, caribou and some large, brown and furry critter standing in the middle of the road that we almost hit late one night. But I also *endured* sleeping an average of 4 hours a night (two of them in the car), eating just one meal a day, having only one shower and, not to mention, the constant smell of chewing tobacco, my dad's impatience and arguments with him about which route was best to take through Canada. Sounds like the ingredients of a good mission trip, eh?

Even in the hurriedness and chaos of our trip, though, I was able to talk with my dad about life, death and eternity; it is to your prayers that I give this credit. We discussed a family will, where he wanted to be buried and how he didn't want a funeral service. We also talked about how great it was to have our car breakdown in a parking lot next to an auto repair shop, rather than on the long stretch of nothing through Canada. We likewise never ran out of gas, never had a flat tire, never had an accident, and even after the trailer started fish-tailing in loose gravel down a steep hill one day, we never went off the road! Sadly, the only thing my dad had to say about all this was "wow, we sure got lucky!" Call it what you want, I responded assertively, but there are over 100 people praying for us on this trip! It wasn't luck, but rather the Lord's protection and provision! The following day I was able to probe my dad further about the hope he has after he dies. It was a difficult discussion to say the least, but I know the Lord used it to awaken him and hopefully alarm him of his broken condition before God (Ephesians 2:1-3), instead of a false assumption that he is in a right standing because of a fruitless decision he made some 30 years ago.

*If there is any lesson from me sharing this story with you, it is to always be ready, be faithful, be unashamed and to press on with the Truth that God has entrusted to you (I Peter 3:15, Romans 1:16, I Corinthians 2:1-5). As it states on the black bracelet I wear, there is no plan B when it comes to people hearing and believing the Gospel (Acts 1:8, Romans 10:14-17). You may have a co-worker that is not saved, a classmate, a spouse, a neighbor, or perhaps like me, you have a parent that is yet to be no longer under God's wrath (John 3:36). Everyday there is a "mission trip" awaiting you, one that God provides for you to take for His glory. Pray for those around you that their blinded eyes would be opened and for yourself that you would be bold in proclaiming "the mystery of the Gospel" (Ephesians 6:19)!*

Pastor David Moe  
Pastor of Student Ministries and Outreach (Running Group)

# Student Ministries

## Annual Life Chain

Middle and high school youth will join hundreds of other teens, children and adults in the Sioux Falls' "Life Chain" that is scheduled for Sunday, October 2<sup>nd</sup>. Students will "link" a "chain" of people that is expected to stretch down 41st Street from Minnesota Avenue to Sertoma Avenue. Those participating will hold signs and pray silently in support of unborn children.

## The Connect Service

Starting on Wednesday, October 5, and then the first Wednesday of each month following, middle and high school students will meet in the Community Room at the Sioux Falls Ministry Center for the "Connect" service. These evenings will include food, praise and worship, teachings on Romans, games, mixers, sharing and prayer. The service is designed to connect students and their friends to Jesus Christ and to one another! A bus will transport students and adult leaders from the church (load at 6:30 PM) and return by 9 PM. There is no cost for this monthly gathering, we just encourage students to come with their friends!

## Belize Parent Meeting

Any parent that has a high school student interested in serving on the 2012 Belize mission team, should make plans to attend one of the parent meetings on Wednesday, October 12. You may choose either the 6:00 or 8:00 PM time. We will meet in room #225.

## Fall Serve-a-thon!

High school students will be available on Saturday, October 22 to help individuals and couples in need from our Faith congregation. This could be anything from raking yards to cleaning out gutters. If you or someone you know is in need of assistance with fall work projects around the home, please contact Pastor Dave Moe (331-3800 or [dkmfbf@aol.com](mailto:dkmfbf@aol.com)) to schedule a time for students to serve.

## "Big Soo Books For Sale"

The 2011-2012 edition of the Big Soo coupon book is available for \$35. You can get your copy/copies either from a participating student or from the church office.

## Upcoming November Events

Nov 2: The Connect Service  
 Nov 4-5: "Operation 28" Boot Camp  
 Nov 6: Daylight Savings Time Ends  
 Nov 8: S.M.D.T.  
 Nov 12: Kids Against Hunger  
 Nov 18: Love. Sex. Tour  
 Nov 24: Thanksgiving  
 Nov 25: David Pierce speaking at Sunday services



### October 1

- Alpha Center's Walk for Life, 9 AM

### October 2

- HS Lunch @ Pizza Ranch (41st Street) 12:15 PM, Cost: \$8
- "Life Chain" 1:30-3:15 PM (carpool from church)

### October 5

- MS/HS The Connect Service @ SF Ministry Center, Community Room, 6:30-9PM (Load bus at Faith) Invite a friend!

### October 8

- MS Chili Feed & Corn Maze, 5:30-9 PM; Cost: \$8

### October 9

- MS/HS "Loving the Gospel" Sunday School

### October 11

- SMDT Meeting, 6:30 PM

### October 12

- HS Guys' Book Club, 5PM in Conference Room (Reading The Cross Centered Life)
- Belize Parent Meeting, 6 & 8 PM, room #225 (Choose one to attend)

### October 12 & 19

- MS "Close Encounters", 6:30-8 PM
- HS Life Groups, 6:30-8 PM

### October 15

- HS Bonfire & Outdoor Movie, 6:30-10 PM; cost \$3

### October 16

- UGM service, 7-9 PM

### October 22

- HS "Serve-a-thon" Day

### October 26

- MS "Pumpkin Patch" Harvest Fair
- HS Faith Groups

## Challenge Fund -- to the exact dollar!

An update from Pastor Dana and the elders and finance team:

Thank you for your faithful giving this year at Faith Baptist. Monday evening our elders fully agreed that God has been very good to us this year. Regular general fund giving is ahead of last year and over expenditures (though under actual budget). Finance Team leader Rich Oksol reported one of our best August giving months ever!

Over \$50,000 has come in toward the repaving of the upper lot. Thank you! And \$5,191 has come in toward our goal of \$10,000 for Steiger (David & Jodi Pierce) for refurbishing their training center in Germany (a miraculous story of God's provision; a tremendous opportunity in a great location at an amazing price, but badly in need of updating). Exciting news just this week: our gift to Steiger for the Germany project will be matched by a foundation one and a half times! In other words, if we can present our gift to the Pierces on November 27th when they are with us at Faith, our \$10,000 will be worth \$25,000 to them! Wow!

Final bill from Myrl and Roy's for repaving:  
\$56,815.05.

Received to date: 50,743.00

Needed by October 10th to pay this bill:  
\$6,072.05

Needed by November 21st, to present our gift to David & Jodi on November 27th: \$4,809.00

**Pray. Give. Experience the joy! God is good. God is faithful. We are glad!**

## NEW MONTHLY GUEST LUNCHEON Sunday, October 9th

All new attendees (those who have begun attending Faith this year) are cordially invited to be our guests following the second service (about 12:15 PM) in the Fellowship Hall. R.S.V.P. to the church office, 331-3800, for the lunch. We look forward to getting to know you better! Can't make it this time? The next Guest Luncheon will be November 13th.

## SINGSPARATION, Sunday, October 23rd

Join us at 6:30 PM for a time of worship through congregational singing of hymns, gospel songs and Sunday school songs. Invite your friends, neighbors and family to attend this fun night of worship. A free will offering will be received.



## PLEASE CONSIDER...

...hanging on to your household items as you do your fall cleaning, for our spring rummage sale. This will be a fundraiser for the 2012 Belize Team. THANK YOU!

## PrimeTime

PrimeTime (ages 55 and up) will meet on Tuesday, October 18th at 6 PM in the Fellowship Hall. The men's ensemble from Abiding Savior Lutheran Church will present the program. R.S.V.P. to Julie, 334-5303, for the catered meal; cost is \$8.50.

**Pioneer Clubs Kids....YOU are invited to  
the Pumpkin Patch Harvest Fair!  
Wednesday, October 26, 6:30-8:00 PM**

Our annual Harvest Fair is Wednesday, October 26<sup>th</sup>, in place of our regular Wednesday night activities. Join us for a family dinner at our normal time of 5:45PM. The Harvest Fair will run from 6:30-8:00PM.



Come join us in the Pumpkin Patch, learning about God by working and playing together as a family! Celebrate a harvest of faith and fun through games, a craft, food, face-painting and more!

Costumes of biblical characters are encouraged but are not necessary in order to participate.

The Harvest Fair will be hosted by the Middle School youth. All children up to 5<sup>th</sup> grade are invited to participate. Invite your friends! Praying God's Word will meet in room 225 and the adult choir will practice at their regularly scheduled time in the Sanctuary.

**Wanted:  
Children's Christmas  
Program Director**

The Children's Discipleship Team is looking for an individual (s) to direct our Children's Christmas Program. Date has been set for Sunday, Dec 11 at 4:00PM. Children in Kindergarten through 5<sup>th</sup> Grade are included.



Qualified individuals should have some experience and gifting in leading music and teaching elementary age children. Gifts of administration and encouragement are a plus. Individuals should be committed to faithfully serving the Lord through this children's ministry and membership at Faith Baptist Fellowship is preferred.

After prayerful consideration, interested individuals should contact Dana Wohlwend, Children's Discipleship Team Leader (360-5903) or Pastor Dave Vilhauer (331-3800).

**Faith Groups Update**

We are continuing our focus on Faith Groups! In case you got swept up in the typical summer vacation activities and struggled to maintain your normal Faith Group meeting routine, let's do some review.

- The purpose of Faith Groups is ***to live the Christian life together, loving and encouraging one another, and holding each other accountable in our personal walk with Jesus Christ.*** This is your opportunity to make some new friends and join them in loving accountability for a season of growth in Christ.
- The agenda/strategy of Faith Groups is to:
  - Read (at home, on your own time) a brief Bible passage six days a week
  - Reflect on what you've read in the Bible and talk about it with others in your group in a non-threatening, helpful way
  - Learn how to strengthen your prayer life using the Bible truths you've read and shared about in the group
  - Care about others in your group through prayer and practical kindness
  - Serve together in kingdom opportunities and share your faith
- The underlying foundation of Faith Groups and all our ministries is to help every person grow in the five loves/  
five commitments listed below:

Love God

- " God's Word & Prayer
- " One Another
- " Our Neighbors
- " the Gospel

Committed to Gathered Worship

- " " Personal Devotions
- " " Faith Groups
- " " Service and Giving
- " " Sharing the Gospel

We currently have a total of 24 groups (4 new groups since last fall) and have over 200 people involved. Currently all groups are entering in to the final chapters in Acts. A new Bible reading plan will be forthcoming within the next month.

There are still plenty of opportunities to become involved in a Faith Group. Many of our groups have room for more folks. If you are interested please contact Mark Hecht at 360-5869 or email him at [mark.hecht@augie.edu](mailto:mark.hecht@augie.edu). You can also call Pastor Dave Vilhauer at 331-3800.

## KINGDOM OPPORTUNITIES

We are excited to be sending a group of seven individuals to Yuma, AZ October 8 – 15 to work with Curt Van Ekeren and Casa de la Esperanza (Homes of Hope). This group will be traveling daily across the border into Mexico to minister to the community of San Luis. The main objective of this team is to assist in the building of a modest home for a family in need. The goal at the end of the week is to have the basic structure completed consisting of exterior and interior walls and roof. Our team will also be available to participate in evangelistic opportunities and build relationships. Please pray for Ron and Cindy Gustafson (team point people), Bob and Janelle Sneller, JoAnne Tolliver, Jeff Peltier and Josh Hejl as they give of their time and resources to reach out to the people of San Luis. If you've been making any of the pillow case dresses or are still interested in making some, there's still time to get them to our team to take and distribute in San Luis. Drop by the Promotion Center or contact anyone on the Kingdom Opportunities team if you'd like more information on making these simple pillowcase dresses. We'll be featuring this trip on the Ministry Table the first half of October.

Also in October, we're honored to partner with the Alpha Center in three events.

**40 Days for Life** September 28 – November 6 (it's not too late to start participating)

40 days of prayer and fasting / 40 days of peaceful vigil / 40 days of community outreach

For details go to <http://www.40daysforlife.com/siouxfalls/>

**Walk for Life** Saturday, October 1

Registration for this fundraiser starts @ 9:00 am with the walk starting @ 10:00 am at the Alpha Center (801 E 41<sup>st</sup> Street, Sioux Falls) <http://www.alphacenterevents.org/walk.cfm>

**Life Chain** Sunday, October 2 from 2 – 3 pm

41<sup>st</sup> near O'Gorman High School. You can meet there or carpool from the church @ 1:30 pm.

The Alpha Center will be featured on the Ministry Table the second half of October.

We are still in need of groups or individuals to lead the service at the Union Gospel Mission. We have a tentative group set up for the November 20 service but we are looking for people to participate in the service on January 15. Talk and pray with your Faith Group, Faith University Class or a group of friends about sharing in this ministry.

Kingdom Opportunities to remember & mark on your calendar

September 8 thru November 6 – 40 Days for Life

October 1 – Walk for Life

October 2 – Life Chain

October 2 thru 30 – Soles for Souls

October 8 thru 15 – Yuma Missions Trip

If you have questions about any of these events, stop by the Promotion Center or contact one of the KO team.

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### **Loving the Gospel Training Seminar**

We all have to admit it, sharing our faith with others can be rather difficult at times. In fact, many of us don't even know where to begin when it comes to sharing the Gospel with co-workers, friends and family members. In an effort to help us grow in our love for the Gospel and our commitment to share it with others, the Evangelism Team invites you to attend a Faith University weekend seminar on Friday and Saturday, October 14-15<sup>th</sup>. This seminar will help you (1) better understand the Gospel and (2) share it more effectively and more clearly with those that the Lord has placed in your life. Please contact the church office (331-3800, [questions@faithbaptistfellowship.com](mailto:questions@faithbaptistfellowship.com)) or visit the Promotion Center for more information and to sign up. Child care will be provided upon request.